



**COUNCIL OF
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CES 18

"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council

No. prev. doc: 10408/12 CES 13

Subject: Economic and Social Committee
– Appointment of a member (FI)

1. On 21 May 2012 the Finnish Government put forward for membership of the Economic and Social Committee Mr Pekka RISTELÄ in place of Mr Reijo PAANANEN, who had resigned ¹.
2. Under Article 302 TFEU, the Council appoints the Committee's members after consulting the Commission.
3. The Commission was consulted on the nomination on 4 June 2012 and gave a favourable opinion on it on 12 July 2012.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision set out in 12436/12 CES 17 as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.
5. That Decision will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union in conformity with Article 297(2), second subparagraph TFEU.

¹ cf. doc. 10408/12 CES 13.